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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director (Current Intelligence)
Assistant Director (National Estimates)
Chief, FI/RQM

SUBJECT: Research Project Entitled: "Memorandum on a
Research Project Concerning the Communist-
Russian Intellectual Offensive in the Countries
Behind the Iron Curtain"

1. The Contact Division of the Office of Operations has referred to us a suggestion for a possible project as captioned above to be undertaken by a contact of one of their field offices. The project involves an extensive documentation of the degree of intellectual infiltration by the USSR in the Satellites. The author appears to be about half finished with the job of gathering his raw data, a task involving an enormous amount of mechanical checking of book and periodical titles. In view of the amount of work remaining to the project, the author has asked our field office to ascertain whether or not CIA would be interested in the possibility of financing a "pick and shovel" research assistant for the work.
2. Kindly advise us whether or not your office would have any possible interest in a project of this nature. In the affirmative we will endeavor to obtain a more detailed and comprehensive outline so that a considerate judgement of its value may be made.

JAMES Q. REED
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